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CENTENNIAL PLANS.

PUBLIC MEETING IN OLD FIRST CHURCH
NEXT SATURDAY EVENING.

Former Governor Fort will make an address—Order Placed for Monument—General Centennial Notes.

The first event in the centennial celebration programme will take place on Saturday evening, the 23d inst., when a public meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian Church.

The date of this meeting corresponds with the date of the legislative enactment creating the township of Bloomfield one hundred years ago and a part of the programme of exercises for the evening will be the reading of that act.

Mayor Hauser will preside at the meeting and will make an address. The invocation will be made by Rev. Dr. George L. Curtis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Former Governor John Franklin Fort will make an address appropriate to the occasion.

The music will be furnished by the High School Glee Club and Orchestra under the direction of Professor Smith. There will be short addresses by others.

The committee in charge is planning to make this an event of unusual interest and one that will create an enthusiasm for the general centennial celebration to be held in June.

The carnival and parade committee has issued an invitation to all fraternal and social organizations of the town to take part in the night carnival to take place some evening during centennial week. The only condition of entry imposed is that all participants shall be arrayed in carnival costume. It is anticipated that the carnival will be one of the great events of the centennial.

The necessary funds have been subscribed for the soldiers and sailors' monument and the monument committee has placed the order for the shaft.

There is great activity in school circles in preparing for the imposing demonstration that is to be made during centennial week by the school children.

Encouraging reports were received from all sub-committees at the meeting of the general committee on Friday night of last week and it is evident that public interest and enthusiasm in the centennial is growing as the time approaches for the celebration.

The historic exhibit that is to be made a feature of the celebration and which will be continued one week, is growing to be an interesting feature of the fair. Many interesting letters, maps and documents pertaining to the early history of the town will have a place in the exhibit.

Recreation Centre.

Arrangements have been made to open a recreation centre in Berkeley school. The School Extension Committee, with Mrs. E. T. Rice, chairman, has made full plans for two March meetings to be held on the 23d and 30th. Mr. William R. Harper, director of athletics in the Brooklyn Training School, will have supervision of this work and will be present both nights. Three activities or centres will be opened as follows:

- 1.—Basketball and other athletic games in the gymnasium.
- 2.—Reading room and quiet games in the new assembly hall.
- 3.—Active games, folk dances, etc., in the old assembly.

There will also be a study class for school pupils to prepare homework in charge of regular teachers.

Committees have been named that will have charge of these activities personally. They are:

Basketball—H. H. Phillips, A. V. Becken, Abram Wilson, L. C. Rowland.

Reading Room—Mrs. A. V. Becken, Mrs. Charles Simmons, Mrs. Russell Everett, Mrs. N. A. Randall, Mrs. Henry Sternberger, Mrs. F. R. Pilch, Mrs. W. M. Hauser, Mr. Russell Everett, Mr. A. H. Edgerley, Mr. Reeves Edwards, Dr. Henry J. Weber.

Games and Folk Dances—Mrs. Fred Branstetter, Mrs. William Raab, Mrs. Nettie Ault, Mrs. W. F. Harrison, Mrs. Charles Koecker, Mrs. L. C. Rowland, Miss Marjorie Melvyn, Miss Alice Maley, Miss Z. S. Falk, Miss Ella Maquire, Mrs. E. T. Rice.

Halls and Corridors—Mrs. Edwin Cook, Mrs. Charles Demarest, Mrs. Charles Simmons, Mrs. Albert Fish, Mrs. E. T. Rice, Miss Eugenia Watson, members of Boy Scouts Council.

This movement has been started in other places—particularly in the larger cities—with much success. If it is successful at Berkeley school during March, it is hoped that definite arrangements will be made next fall to run a permanent recreation centre in Bloomfield.

A new series of stock will be opened on Monday, March 18. Merchants & Mechanics Building and Loan Association. Rooms over Cobane's store.

Bloomfield Coal and Supply Co.
SIXTHLY—Note that in case of strike, prices are not likely to go down this spring. The few advance orders we have taken will be filled at present prices. All other orders we may accept will be subject to future developments.

High School Athletics.

The Bloomfield High School boys basketball team will play its last game this morning. They will travel to Hoboken and play the Hoboken Academy five. The team will leave on the 9:41 train from the D. L. & W. Captain Hamilton has had his team working all week and expects to do great work at their final game.

The girls' team completed their schedule Thursday. They defeated the Ridgewood High School sextette by the score of 17-4. Bloomfield outplayed Ridgewood in all stages of the game, and deserve a great deal of credit for their victory, as Montclair High School was the only team who previously defeated the Ridgewood combination. The two Bloomfield forwards did excellent work. Special commendation must be given to Reba Whiteman, Bloomfield's jumping centre. She was the life of the team and her playing was far above the standard of the Ridgewood's centre. Also Maud McDonald played well in her position as left guard. Miss McDonald's passing was of the best.

Goals—R. Betts 4, M. Stone 4, R. Danna 1. Fouls—R. Betts 13, R. Danna 2. Referee—Miss Lambert. Umpire—Miss White. Timekeepers—E. J. Grimshaw, R. H. S., E. Johnson, B. H. S.

Altogether the girls' team had a very successful season, having won eleven out of sixteen games played. A large part of the success is due to the excellent coaching which the team received at the hands of Miss Benoit and Miss Lambert.

George McDonald '14, Zophar H. Whiteman '14, Harold W. Betts '13 and Arthur Lohr '13, are making arrangements for forming a camp for the high school boys at Lake Hopatcong this summer.

August F. Eckert Dead.

August Ferdinand Eckert, thirty-eight years old, died yesterday at his home, 72 Forest street, Montclair, after a long illness. Mr. Eckert, who was employed by a New York woolen house for nearly twenty years, was forced to give up his position about eight weeks ago, since which time he had been kept to his home. Mr. Eckert was born in Glen Ridge, and had lived all his life in that town and in Montclair. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Montclair. He is survived by a widow and six children, the oldest of whom is fifteen and the youngest three years. Funeral services were held at his late residence Wednesday afternoon.

Death of Dr. Smith.

Dr. John Bernhardt Smith, State entomologist and professor of entomology at Rutgers College, died at his home in New Brunswick Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. He was fifty-three years of age.

Dr. Smith was widely known through the prominent and active part he took in mosquito extermination work. He was the originator of many of the modern methods of fighting the mosquito pest.

These methods have been copied throughout this country and the world and where carried out have freed large territories from the pest, such as in Cuba, Panama, Staten Island, etc. This was one of Dr. Smith's most useful activities and his untimely death has cut short the employment of his vast knowledge in ridding New Jersey of the mosquito.

Death of Ethel Douglas.

Ethel Douglas, the eight-year-old daughter of Charles Douglas of Williamson avenue, died suddenly Saturday evening, the 9th inst., from paralysis of the heart. When she was stricken Dr. Frank W. Lockwood was quickly called, but before he reached the house the child had expired. Deputy County Physician Simmonds granted a burial permit. The young girl was a pupil in the Fairview public school and a member of the First Baptist Church Sunday school. The funeral service took place Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by the Rev. Henry S. Potter of the First Baptist Church.

Sunday-School Walk.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Essex County Sunday School Association anniversary and June walk, to be held on June 1, is as follows:

E. W. Cooper, chairman, superintendent Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, South Orange; U. Cutler Ryerson, Park Presbyterian Sunday-school, Newark; Benjamin F. Edsall, Roseville Avenue Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, Newark; George H. Neidinger, Arlington Avenue Presbyterian Sunday-school, East Orange; Hamilton T. Disbrow, superintendent Forest Hill Presbyterian Sunday-school, Newark; Joseph Walker, superintendent Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, Irvington; Waldo C. Genung, superintendent Sixth Presbyterian Sunday-school, Newark; Captain W. S. Rowland, Westminster Presbyterian Sunday-school, Bloomfield.

Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiroprapist, treats all feet ailments. Office room No. 8 Trust Company building.—Adv.

Bloomfield Coal and Supply Co.
FIFTHLY—Bear in mind that the coal dealer has to PAY HIS BILLS MONTHLY or go without coal. Is it difficult to see how you can help him and at the same time help yourself?

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Cat License Ordinance Proposed by Members of the Woman's Club—More Stringent Building Law Suggested—Bluestone Walks a Relic of the Past.

The Glen Ridge Borough Council held a regular meeting Monday night. In addition to the regular routine business transacted, the session was enlivened by the introduction of a request for the enactment of a legislative novelty in the line of an ordinance compelling cat owners to take out licenses for their felines and making it compulsory to place a collar and bell on each cat.

The suggestion for a cat license ordinance came from members of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge and was in the interest of saving and protecting birds.

The communication from the Woman's Club was signed by a dozen members, and referred to the fact that the nature department is convinced of the value of the birds in the gardens and among the trees of the borough in destroying insects in their various stages.

Many birds are destroyed annually by stray cats, in themselves of no value to the borough, the letter stated, and in conclusion it urged the passing of an ordinance making it obligatory for every cat at large to wear a license similar to a dog license, said license to consist of a stout collar and bell, and that cats not wearing licenses be disposed of as unlicensed dogs are.

Mayor Standish smiled as the clerk finished reading the communication and said he would refer it to the police committee. Mr. Lord, chairman of that committee, did not want to undertake the task of licensing cats, and questioned very much whether the council would have any right to put a bell on a cat.

Mr. Lord suggested that the law and ordinance committee handle the subject and the mayor referred it with power to consult Attorney Mylod.

That the use of bluestone flagging for sidewalks was a backward step in municipal improvement work was the opinion of Councilman Skillen. A concrete walk, he said, was not more costly to lay, and ordinances were introduced for concrete walks in several streets. In two instances the petitions for the walks specified the use of bluestone, but at the suggestion of the sidewalk committee concrete was substituted.

Superintendent of Buildings Robert Moss suggested that the building committee look into the matter of placing more stringent restrictions on frame buildings that may be erected hereafter, in order to decrease the fire risks. The plan may require amendments to the building ordinance.

The heads of the members of the Grex Chemical Company were reported as growing larger and it was explained that the hats now used were nine years old, water soaked and impossible for the firemen to wear. The fire committee will purchase new hats.

A request for \$500 from the Shade Tree Commission was granted. During February plans for new buildings to the value of \$34,000 were filed and \$38 in fees collected.

Thomas Gallagher and William C. Mecher were named by Mayor Standish as members of the police force. Council confirmed. The police committee was empowered to purchase summer uniforms for the force at a cost not to exceed \$250.

The fire committee was empowered to purchase 500 feet of hose to cost \$250.

A Property Owner's Duty.

The Beard bill, which if enacted into a law will effectually check the design of Mayor Hinck of Montclair and Councilman Pierson of East Orange to locate an Imhoff sewage disposal plant in this town and Belleville is now before the Senate. Efforts are being made to get it out of committee in that body.

Senator Colgate, the representative of this county in the Senate, will be an influential factor in determining the fate of the bill in the Senate. Senator Colgate is credited with a spirit of fairness in the consideration of legislative measures. The suggestion made by a correspondent of THE CITIZEN last week that residents of this town, Belleville and Nutley write to Senator Colgate and other members of the Legislature and state the case for their respective municipalities is a good one. The fact that a large body of citizens manifest a serious concern in a matter before the Legislature is likely to lead to a more attentive consideration of the matter than if the advocacy of it or opposition to it is confined to politicians and lobbyists. There is no question but what every property owner in the three municipalities affected have a vital interest in the Beard bill and now is the proper time to make known to Senator Colgate why they desire the enactment of the bill into a law.

Harvey W. Wiley, Uncle Sam's chief chemist, father of the pure food law, ended his long service with the government yesterday, by tendering his resignation to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

How to Obtain a Supply of Coal.

FIRSTLY—Look over your accounts and if you find you owe anything to the BLOOMFIELD COAL & SUPPLY CO., sit right down and draw a check for the amount due.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Owners of Pig Farms Advised to Get Rid of Their Stock—Complaint About Second River Pollution—Senator Colgate Asked to Support Beard Bill.

The Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting Monday night. One of the important matters considered was the piggeries conducted by Clarence Manley and Robert Fredericks, located on property partly in this town and partly in Belleville, the one conducted by Mr. Fredericks lying wholly in Belleville. Complaints had been made to Health Officer Dr. Saile about the piggeries and the proprietors were notified that the matter would come up for consideration at the Board of Health meeting.

Messrs. Manley and Fredericks were both present and both agreed with the board's suggestion that they get rid of their pigs. Mr. Fredericks said that he was under obligations to the Belleville Board of Health to do so. The matter was referred to the committee on complaints, Messrs. Charles and Gilbert.

The Woman's Town Improvement Association requested the board to take some action towards preventing the pollution of Second river with refuse thrown into it by people dwelling along the stream. The association has been endeavoring for years to effect improvements in the appearance of Second river, but suggestions and appeals to civic pride have been without effect and it is now proposed that the Board of Health enforce some compulsory measures toward keeping the stream clean. The board decided to put a stop to throwing garbage in the stream and persons violating the order will be subject to arrest.

The strictest enforcement of the ordinance against expectorating on the sidewalk and in public places will be made. The co-operation of the police department will be had in the enforcement of the ordinance.

In the matter of the fight against the location of the Montclair-East Orange Imhoff sewage disposal plant in this town and Belleville, it was stated that the Beard bill had passed the House and there was need of active work to get it favorably acted upon by the Senate, and the clerk of the board was instructed to write to Senator Colgate asking in behalf of the Board of Health that he support the bill.

A number of house sewer connections were ordered made. The health officer presented his monthly report, showing a satisfactory condition with regard to contagious sickness.

Borough Fire Matters.

As stated in the annual report of the Glen Ridge Borough Council, the fire department of that place responded to sixteen alarms of fire during the year. The fire losses for the year are estimated at \$6,500. The report further says that much progress was made during the year in securing borough ownership of the underground fire alarm cable system, 7,254 feet having been purchased from the telephone company and 2,700 feet additional having been put in by the borough in Bloomfield and Ridgewood avenues. The council, the report says approved and made the necessary appropriation for the purchase of a combination chemical and hose carrying automobile, and the chairman of the committee under this authority made a most favorable contract, under which the horse-drawn apparatus, which has been in use, was exchanged at its full cost price as part payment for the new motor outfit.

The personnel of the department is excellent and they are ready and willing to do duty under any and all conditions. Chief John A. Brown, appointed last May, takes a deep interest and works with much ability and good judgment, besides suggesting additional measures of importance and benefit to the service.

Damage From Storm.

Much damage was done to roads and sidewalks by the heavy rain storm Tuesday night. Second river, as is the case in every extraordinary rain storm, was choked at the passage under the canal aqueduct and the water was backed up over Newark avenue, and also flooded the lands, between Bloomfield and Glenwood avenues. It is evident that unless some remedy can be applied at the canal aqueduct it will cost the county park commission an immense amount of money to repair the frequent damage that will accrue from floods.

The town park property in the Second ward, known as Morris Park, was also flooded to a considerable depth from the overflow of Third river.

In all parts of the town the water accumulated in lakes at all low points, and there was much damage to personal property from flooded cellars.

Bloomfield Coal and Supply Co.
FOURTHLY—Remember that "coal is coal" nowadays, and don't be too critical as to quality. We gratefully accept what is shipped to us, and make no complaint. We ask our customers to be equally forbearing (if necessary) while the present critical situation continues.

The Merchants & Mechanics Building and Loan Association will hold its annual meeting of the shareholders on Monday, March 18. At this meeting a new series of stock will be opened.

Prodding Postal Officials.

The annual meeting of the North Side Association of Glen Ridge was held Tuesday night.

Mayor Standish made a report on the free postal delivery matter and told of letters sent to Senator Briggs and the senator, who had taken the matter up with the first assistant postmaster-general with prospects of an early installation of the system.

Representative E. W. Townsend, who has also interested himself in the fight, stated in a letter that another inspector was to investigate the borough's claim in spite of the fact that a previous inspector had made an unfavorable report.

President J. F. Place as a member of the executive committee, in his annual report on the work accomplished by the association during the year, had this to say on the free delivery question:

"The question of a free postal delivery for Glen Ridge has been almost constantly before the committee during the past year, and after much correspondence, believe the prospect is now good for securing this great convenience to our people, which we are entitled to. The next thing we want to strike for is a United States postoffice building."

This may seem almost ridiculous, but I want to remind you that there are, to express in Jersey parlance, 'quite some towns in the different States, especially in the South and West, of considerable less important than Glen Ridge, where imposing structures stand built by our good Uncle Sam's money and which often are practically useless except to ornament unheard of communities and illustrated a structural and striking contrast which may often be accomplished by a busy congressman who at times finds it necessary to make himself solid with his bucolic constituents."

For members of the school board, to supersede Alfred Hinrichs, Wilson Lyon and Francis De Gress, the association endorsed Mrs. Martin T. Baldwin, J. S. Emery and J. H. Pullman.

Officers elected for the year were as follows: President, Mr. Place; first vice president, Mr. Standish; second vice president, E. G. Newell; executive committee, A. T. Cockeair and Dr. H. C. Harris.

The appointment of standing committees will be announced at a future meeting.

More County Parks.

A bill has been signed by Governor Wilson which provides authority for the Essex County Park Commission to raise \$50,000 additional funds on county bonds for park purposes.

One hundred thousand dollars of the bond issue will be used for the acquisition of the Verona Lake property and \$250,000 applied to the purchase of Magnolia swamp in Newark.

Now that the bill is law, the course of action will be to have the matters again brought to the notice of the Park Commission, and should it favor the expenditure of the money on the different projects it will apply to the Board of Freeholders, which will have to consider the matter and authorize the raising and expenditures of the money.

In the Light of History.

In defining both his policy and determination to fight for the principles for which he has fought so long and so gallantly, Senator La Follette places himself before his party as its need, not its alternative. The Democrats of Congress are in the hands of Wall street, of special privileges, and of the corrupting influences of this country. Taft is in the same hands with all his use and abuse of federal power. And Roosevelt, standing upon a decoration that was written for him, rather than by him, is trying to reach the thing which Washington made impossible, and which Grant found impossible.

He who reads Senator La Follette's firm declaration of purpose in the face of the statistical history of Republican conventions can only see the "possibility" focusing itself into the "probability."

Board of Trade.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trade was held Thursday night at which the following officers of the board were elected: Charles A. Hungerford, president; Peter J. Quinn, vice president; Henry J. Fuller, secretary; Howard B. Davis, treasurer; Randolph C. Barrett and W. T. Wentworth members of the executive committee.

Seymour P. Gilbert of the legislative committee, made a report on the Beard bill.

The sewer committee presented a report on sewer matters.

A progress report was made in regard to centennial celebration affairs.

Special Election.

A special election on a proposed bond issue of \$44,000 to purchase the plant of the Orange Water Company in the Borough of Glen Ridge will be held next Tuesday. The election will be in charge of the legally appointed election officers.

The council has issued a statement giving the citizens a complete account of the negotiations between the water company and the council leading up to the proposition to purchase the water plant.

Bloomfield Coal and Supply Co.

SECONDLY—Send us that check with a request for what you need, and if it is possible to fill the order, it will receive prompt attention.

FIREMEN AND PARADE.

HOW WILL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPEAR IN THE CENTENNIAL PARADE?

Will it be With Antiquated Apparatus—Present Conditions Not Satisfactory—Members of the Department are Much Concerned.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR:—There is considerable speculation going on among the members of the fire department about the part the fire companies will play in the coming centennial celebration. Of course the particular branch of this affair in which the firemen expect to take special interest is the street parade, which will be one of the finest ever held in Bloomfield. Floats representing the various schools, lodges, fraternal organizations and societies of all kinds will be in line. Infantry and cavalry from all over the State will participate. Other cities and towns will, no doubt, send representatives from their fire departments with modern, efficient and up-to-date fire fighting apparatus.

In the midst of this gala array shall Bloomfield's Fire Department be represented by antiquated apparatus and vehicles of a remote era? Shall we have Montgomery Hose Company drawing the "jumper," Brookdale Hose Company without any apparatus, Essex Hook and Ladder Company proudly exhibiting a twenty-eight-year-old truck and Phenix Hose Company carrying an enlarged photo of their new "chemical" wagon?

Unless some decisive action is taken immediately, the foregoing will occur. We have patiently listened to committees reporting "progress," to arguments that horses are more economical than autos and vice versa, to suggestions that good horses can be obtained by this or that method, and to complimentary speeches about Bloomfield's peerless Volunteer Fire Department. And what is the result? Phenix is still using the old hose wagon, while the new chemical reposes gracefully in the firehouse, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Montgomery has her "jumper," and Essex her dilapidated truck, but Excelsior has a nicely enlarged hose horse. True, there is no horse to pull the hose cart, and the company members have to stand and watch the other companies going by to fires in their own district, but what matters that when they are promised newly repaired, commodious quarters to watch from?

There is much grumbling among the firemen over the weary waits and long delays. We have heard that hasty action is undesirable, but we are satisfied that action of some sort is not only desirable, but necessary. A horse to pull Excelsior's apparatus, a suitable building for Montgomery, which will house the horse-drawn hose wagon to be given them, motive power of some kind for the new chemical, and suitable quarters for Brookdale should be secured at once. Moreover, the time is drawing near when a new truck must be purchased for Essex Hook and Ladder Company. The one in use at present has been working ever since the fire department was organized, and is becoming time-worn and weather beaten.

Bloomfield enjoys the reputation of having one of the finest and most efficient volunteer fire departments in the State. This is due to the splendid work of the firemen and to the hitherto efficient apparatus. Times and customs change. Is it fair to the former members of the department that the reputation they worked so hard to establish should change, also because of lack of proper apparatus? Is it fair to the firemen? Is it fair to the town? Yet that is what will happen unless something is done and quickly. The rumor that Bloomfield Fire Department is in a crippled condition has already spread among neighboring municipalities and with their newly equipped and modern vehicles they hope to wrest our reputation from us. Are we to sit idly by and watch? Certainly not! We may not want hasty action, but we do want action, decisive action, action that will show results.

Yours faithfully,
FIREMAN.

Glenwood Avenue Paving.

Glenwood avenue property owners will have a hearing at the Town Council meeting Monday night on the resolution for the paving of that part of the street from the Centre to Linden avenue. In passing the resolution the council had in mind a pavement of granite block, laid in cement, after the manner that Bloomfield avenue has been paved within the Newark city limits. All the property owners in the street are apparently not agreed with the councilmen as to the kind of pavement that should be used, and the owners of several hundred feet of property, within the section of the street laid out for paving have signed a petition in favor of bitulithic pavement, and that petition will be presented Monday night.

Bloomfield Coal and Supply Co.

THIRDLY—Don't ask for more than you need; remember that your neighbors may be in the same straits that you are, and if they pay their coal bills, are entitled to equal consideration; some sizes are hard to get just now, and it takes a lot of figuring to make our supply cover the immediate demands.